And the said Abram Myers for himself and his heirs, does hereby covenant with said Trustees of the Ashland College and their successors in office and assigns, that he is lawfully seized of the premises aforesaid; that said premises are free and clear from all encumbrances whatsoever and that he will forever warrant and defend the same, with the appurtenances, unto the said Trustees of the Ashland College and their successors in office and assigns against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Abram Myers has hereunto set his hand and seal, this 20th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

ABRAHAM MYERS. (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of J. B. Weddell, C. J. Kenny.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Wm. Osborn and C. F. Osborn, Z. Greenawald and Harriet Greenawald, G. B. Cole and Celia O. Cole, Don F. Taylor and N. F. Taylor, Jacob Brubaker and Aggie Brubaker, of the County of Ashland, State of Ohio, in consideration of sixteen hundred dollars, to us paid by the Trustees of the Ashland College, of the County of Ashland, State of Ohio, have bargained and sold, and do hereby grant and convey unto the said Trustees of the Ashland College, their successors in office and assigns forever, the following premises, situated in the County of Ashland, in the State of Ohio, and in Montgomery Township and bounded and described as follows:

Being Lot No. 789 in A. H. Myers' addition to the town of Ashland containing 3 and 75-100 acres more or less.

To have and to hold said premises, with the appurtenances, unto the said Trustees of the Ashland College, their successors in office and assigns forever. And the said Wm. Osborn and C. F. Osborn, Z. Greenawald and Harriet Greenawald, G. B. Cole and Celia Cole, Don F. Taylor and N. F. Taylor, J. Brubaker and Aggie Brubaker, for themselves and their heirs, do hereby covenant with said Trustees of the Ashland College, their successors in office and assigns, that they are lawfully seized of the premises aforesaid; that said premises are free and clear from all incumbrances whatsoever, and that they will forever warrant and defend the same, with the appurtenances, unto the said Trustees of the Ashland College, their successors in office, and assigns, against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

In testimony whereof, the said Wm. Osborn and C. F. Osborn, Z. Greenawald and Harriet Greenawald, G. B. Cole and Celia O. Cole, Don F. Taylor and N. F. Taylor, J. Brubaker and Aggie Brubaker have hereunto set their hands and seals this 18th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

William Osborn.	Seal
C. F. Osborn..	Seal
Z. Greenawald.	Seal
H. Greenawald.	Seal
J. Brubaker.	Seal
A. Brubaker.	Seal
G. B. Cole.	Seal
C. O. Cole.	Seal
D. F. Taylor.	Seal
N. F. Taylor.	Seal

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of Chas. J. Kenny, P. S. Grosscup.

These deeds show who are the legal owners of Ashland College. The legal title to the property belongs to the Board of Trustees, and not to the German Baptist church.

Here we might let the matter rest, and do it honorably and fairly, with the assertion that the German Baptists have not a shadow of a claim upon the institution, which they have not; and anything that any member of that church asserts to the contrary is a falsehood of the broadest kind. But, the question will arise, did not those who made such claims have anything on which to base them? In order to leave nothing not plainly laid before the reader, we turn to the By-Laws adopted by the Board of Trustees and copy every part that brings in the German Baptist church. They commence as follows:

BY-LAWS OF ASHLAND COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, The Ashland College is permanently organized, and the Trustees having met to transact such business as may be necessary to advance the work and uttimately accomplish the objects set forth in the Charter granted Feb. 22nd, 1878. Therefore,

Resolved, That the entire control of said Institution be in the hands of members of the German Baptist church, and that all business pertaining to the interests of the College be regulated by the following By-Laws.

Art. I. Sec. 1st. None shall be eligible to office but Brethren who are in good standing in the General Brotherhood, and are zealous advocates of the faith and practice of the Brethren church.

Art. II. Sec. 1st. The number of Trustees shall be fifteen and five of whom shall constitute a Quorum.

Sec. 2. The present Trustees shall remain in office one year, or until such time as may be deemed a suitable one to commence the regular annual election, at which time one third of the required number of Trustees shall be elected for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years. They shall be elected by a vote of the Brethren donating to the College to the amount of $50.00, each person having one vote for every $50.00 donated. Voting to be done by ballot, either individually or by proxy.

Then follows the officers of the Board and their duties; the committees and their duties, etc.

The By-Laws closed with this section:

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at the pleasure of the Board.

Then follows the amendments.

AMENDMENTS.

Art. I. *Resolved*, That no article or resolution in the By-Laws of Ashland College shall be so interpreted as to exclude any member belonging to any divisions of the German Baptist church, that now exists or which may hereafter exist, by whatever name they may be known, from voting or holding office, provided they have a right to vote by virtue of the fact that they have donated the required amount to constitute them voters.

Passed June 13, 1882. Yeas 9; Nays 4.

As a further exposition of the case in question, we quote from Bro. P. J. Brown's speech before the Convention of the Brethren church, held in Ashland in September 1887, as follows:

"In the first place the title is made to the Trustees of Ashland College, and their successors forever. By virtue of their office, they are the power and the only power who make and have a right to make the by-laws to govern the Institution in all its workings."

"Now, brethren and sisters, if there is any thing true in logic, it is true that the body that has a right to make laws, has a right to alter, amend or repeal the same."

This is sound reasoning that cannot be condemned. The Board of Trustees has the right to repeal, alter or amend its own laws.

Now notice that no church is alluded to in the specifications of the Charter, and no church has any legal connection with the College by that document. Then the deeds, as already seen, conveyed the property to the Trustees of Ashland College and their successors and assigns forever. The property is theirs now; it belongs, for the purposes specified in the Charter, to

Richard Arnold,	Montana, Kans.
David Bailey,	Ashland, Ohio.
Eld. Edward Mason,	Ashland, Ohio.
Eld. E. L. Yoder,	Falls City, Neb.
Dr. U. M. Beachley,	Myersdale, Pa.
Abner K Brown,	Ainger, Ohio.
Eld. Isaac Kilhefner,	Ashland Ohio.
Eld. Josiah Keim,	Louisville, Ohio.
Jacob Ross,	Buckeye City, Ohio.
Eld. P. J. Brown,	Congress, Ohio.
Dr. A. Pearson,	North Star, Ohio.
Eld. John Harley,	Pottstown, Ohio.
Henry K. Myers,	Ashland, Ohio.
Aaron L. Garber,	Ashland, Ohio.

These men are able to make a legal deed for all the College property, and are able to repeal the whole existing code of by-laws, legally.

The German Baptist church, as such, opposed the College, and those whose names appear on the Charter came very nearly being brought up before the Annual Meeting for comencing a work which was contrary to the principles and order of that church. Consequently, it was always repudiated by the Annual Meeting, which is the legal voice of the German Baptist church.

Another fact should be noticed in the above legal papers. Bro. H. K. Myers, who is now on the Board of Trustees, and who has been its Secretary and Treasurer since the commencement, is the conspicuous person in the Charter. One or two places the documents read "H. K Myers and others." He is one of the original parties to whom the deeds for the ground was made. But there is nothing in this farther than to show that no change has been made in the ownership, and the German Baptists never had any ownership.

It is proper here to remark that the names of the real projectors of the College do not appear in the Charter. Great prospects were held out to the brethren whose names appear, and if there is any body who would take hold of a promising thing, it was an original Progressive Dunkard.

Every thing moved along fairly well and the College was built in good shape. The College was opened with a flourish, and every thing was strictly high-toned. Then Prof. Sharp declared he could not make the school a success without the boarding hall. After a good deal of urging he succeeded in having a building commenced by guaranteeing to secure $20,000 donations for that purpose. But the building was commenced before, and then Sharp thought he saw an opportunity and would not canvass unless he was made president for life. This aroused the manly independence of the Board, and the result was a rupture, and a debt left on their hands of over $20,000. Sharp started an opposition school and used his influence to break down the College, and he has done more than any other one to get the word out that the German Baptists would take the College when it was once paid for, to hinder the Brethren from paying the debt. The Board was now left with a debt of more than $20,000 hanging upon them and finally, it became oppressive, and the times became more troublous than ever. Several of the faithful ones pulled loose because the other part of the Board too intimately sympathized with certain Progressives, and this made the complications no simpler, and the debt no lighter.

The Brethren church was now rising. The Ashland Convention of 1882 decided to espouse the interests of the College, and strongly urged upon the brethren to rally to its support. In 1883, the Dayton Convention went still further and voted to pay off the debt, each one according to his ability. Since then the canvass has been active. At the Convention held in Sept., 1887 further resolutions were adopted to pay the debt, and those who have so faithfully held on to the Institution believe they see the day dawning. Every Trustee of Ashland College is a member of the Brethren church in good standing, and the interests of the church have been kept faithfully in view, and shall be. We are happy to say that they are a harmonious body, working together in peace and union to sustain the educational interests of the church.

The question will now come up, what has all this sacrifice and Ashland College done for the church? It has done this: Given the Brethren church its own educational institution. Give honor to whom honor is due is a command of the Scriptures.

Eld. J. H. Worst was a student at Ashland College. It was instrumental in bringing Edward Mason to the sphere he now occupies. A. A. Cober was given free tuition through the College, and he is now pastor of the Milford church, one of the most influential in Indiana. L. W. Ditch was given free tuition by a friend, and he is now the successful pastor of the Brethren church near Elkhart, Ind. Martin Shively was given free tuition during his attendance, and he is now pastor of the Brethren church at West Independence, O. W. C. Perry received his education at Ashland College and he is now acting pastor of the North Liberty church, Ohio. E. L. Hilderbrand was given free tuition during his attendance, and he is now pastor of the Edna Mills church, Indiana. J. H. Palmer was a student at Ashland College and he is serving a church at Sidney, Ind. At the present time there are four ministers of our church at the College and some of these have their tuition free. All this Ashland College has done for the Brethren church.

The total enrollment at the College this year is over 60 thus far, and the College is on the high way to success; and as the debt is paid and the means can be had, improvements will be made and its usefulness broadened out until its influence will be felt in every part of the country. It is showing itself a power for good, even amids troublous times, and is developing notwithstanding the efforts of many to crush it out of existence as a Brethren Institution.

Brethren you see the good results that have accrued in so short a time. It is to your honor, to the honor of the Brotherhood and to God to come boldly forward and give this institution your hearty support. It belongs to the Brethren church, and is conducted in the interests of the church, and your help will lift it upon the solid rock of influence, knowledge, power and godliness.

The Lord help us.

A. L. GARBER.